

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph on page 5, lines 34 – 45 with the following paragraph:

The epitopes specified under (b) can be present in the filter aid either alone or else in mixtures. Additives used alone are preferably crosslinked polyvinylpyrrolidone, TiO_2 , KHCO_3 , NaHCO_3 , CaCO_3 , silica gel, kieselguhr, diatomaceous earth or bentonite. Preferably, mixtures of crosslinked polyvinylpyrrolidone, i.e., polyvinylpolypyrrolidone (PVPP) with TiO_2 , NaHCO_3 , KHCO_3 , CaCO_3 , silica gel, kieselguhr, diatomaceous earth or bentonite or mixtures of NaHCO_3 or KHCO_3 with CaCO_3 , TiO_2 , silica gel, kieselguhr, diatomaceous earth or bentonite or else mixtures of TiO_2 with NaHCO_3 , KHCO_3 , CaCO_3 , silica gel, kieselguhr, diatomaceous earth or bentonite are used. Crosslinked polyvinylpyrrolidone-polyvinylpolypyrrolidone is particularly preferably used.